

REMARKS

The Examiner's careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated. Applicants have carefully reviewed the above-identified Office Action. Applicants submit that, in view of the amendments and clarifying remarks set forth herein, all bases of objection and rejection have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims submitted.

1. Amendment to the Specification:

The specification has been amended to display that proper priority of the current application is based on Application Serial No. 10/636,093 which is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 09/929,940, filed Aug. 15, 2001. Entry of the amendment to specification is respectfully requested.

2. Election

Claim 1-40 have been elected and claims 41-43 have been withdrawn.

3. Rejection of claims 1-40 under 102(e) or under 103(a) as obvious over either Cortright '757 or Cortright '457.

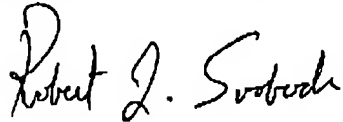
Cortright '757 has a priority filing date of November 27, 2002. Cortright '457 has a priority filing date of November 29, 2001. The present application claims priority to August 15, 2001. Therefore, neither Cortright '757 nor Cortright '457 can be considered prior art under 102(e) or 103(a).

4. Provisional Double Patenting Rejection over U.S. Patent 6,607,707

The PTO has made a provisional double patenting rejection of claims 1-40 under U.S. Patent 6,607,707. However, the claims have not been otherwise allowed by the PTO. Since the scope of the claims could change upon prosecution and amendments of the claims, the claims may not require a terminal disclaimer at the time when the claims are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants will, if necessary, file a terminal disclaimer when the claims are otherwise in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and respectfully submit that the application stands in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully asked to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number or email address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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